

TOWN OF ARLINGTON



Cemetery Commission

Date: October 14, 2020
Time: 9:03am
Location: The meeting is conducted by Remote Participation via
Teleconference Phone # 1-701-802-5302
Access Code: 5196144

This meeting will follow guidelines described by the Massachusetts Executive Order on Remote Participation. For further information refer to:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>

Minutes

Present: ACC Chair- Michele Hassler, Commissioners William McCarthy, Brain Hasbrouck, DPW Supervisor Dan Warren, DPW Director Mike Rademacher

1. The Script for Remotely Conducting Meetings for the Town of Arlington was read by the Chair and all participants were identified as the meeting began on a conference call.
2. The September meeting minutes were unanimously agreed upon and accepted.
3. Deed signing reminders were discussed.
4. Columbarium Circle: Dan discussed his quote from Groundmasters re: re-doing the concrete circle in front of the columbarium. The Commissioners agreed upon doing the circle in a rose toned cement with a cut-in design that would emanate from a decorative drain in the middle, as is required. Dan is going to get color samples and a drawing for the Commissioners to look at and vote on. As the season for pouring concrete is coming to an end this will most likely take place as soon as is able in Spring.

5. Michele gave CPA updates on the work being done on the Old Burying Ground wall and the Mt. Pleasant Tombs- which appears to be finished. The OBG wall will hopefully be done before the end of October per Bautista Masonry. Kevin Duffy has been involved with stone care/cleaning/replacing in the OBG. 13 slate stones have been fixed as needed and will be replaced near the wall by the library as soon as the masons move out of that particular area. Work is ongoing. A drain was installed between the mound and the Mt. Pleasant tombs to help syphon drainage away from the area.
6. Bridge erosion concerns: There is an area of cavitation that is of concern as further erosion may compromise this area further and the bridge. It is on the side of the AA field. There is water washing down this particular area and causing further damage. Dan has some ideas for a temporary fix that he will discuss with Mike. However Mike and Emily Sullivan from the Conservation Commission will be submitting a grant proposal to FEMA for money to help possibly shore up the banks of the stream, help fix the eroded area of concern and possibly help to re-build the bridge. The request is due on 10/16/2020. This would help to give us a long term fix and help the stream in our area. The MWRA will most likely have to be involved at some point as the bridge was built over one of their sewer check points.
7. Totten Way- Discussed issues re: traffic direction, parking and passing of other cars and how it impacts area. Concerns were raised about these issues and drainage for the area if we are to improve the roadway. Mike is going to have engineering come to look at this and hopefully have some further ideas for us to consider in November. We are looking for simple solutions, and hope that engineering can help us with choices for the space available and already in use. Details of this conversation included the information already noted from the eroded areas off of the pavement, the boulders already there, and the possibility of a decorative boundary/ border in the area to help drivers see their roadway/parking limits.
8. Dumpster Camera: Dan has not been able to access link to look at footage, but there have been no issues, which Dan feels is also related to the new signage there alerting possible offenders to the camera. Mike to try to again get Dan access to the video feed.

9. The Commissioners agreed a dogwood tree in the middle of the Green Field will be a nice addition to further indicate to people where this area is. Higher Granite posts at the corners will be installed to help demarcate the area so it can be seen.
10. No new business. No numbers were reviewed today re: sales/burials, etc.

Meeting adjourned 10:02am

Next meeting will be November 11 is a holiday

Respectfully submitted

Michele Hassler

Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Michele A. Hassler, Chairperson

William F. McCarthy

Brian L. Hasbrouck